

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on February 9, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 552, 2/5/2007; HB 564, 2/7/2007
Executive Action: HB 345; HB 490; HB 289

HEARING ON HB 564

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:40 Rep. Tom McGillvray (R), HD 50, opened the hearing on
HB 564, Revise and reduce income taxes.

EXHIBIT(tah29a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:28:28 Brian Olsen, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:34 Rep. McAlpin
00:30:13 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division
00:30:51 Rep. Lambert
00:33:35 Rep. Erickson
00:38:09 Rep. Cohenour
00:44:12 Rep. Nooney
00:46:02 Rep. MacLaren
00:46:29 James Standaert, Legislative Fiscal Division
00:46:42 Rep. Nooney
00:48:09 Rep. Jopek
00:50:29 Chairman Lake
00:51:03 Rep. Jopek
00:51:56 Rep. Butcher
00:54:25 Rep. Erickson
00:56:38 Rep. McGillvray
00:57:11 Rep. Ross
00:58:24 Rep. MacLaren
00:59:06 Jeff Martin
01:00:51 Rep. Lambert
01:01:31 Rep. Erickson
01:01:53 Rep. Nooney
01:03:56 Rep. McAlpin
01:04:25 Jeff Martin
01:04:42 James Standaert
01:05:00 Brian Olsen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:30 Rep. Tom McGillvray

01:09:37 Break
01:26:39 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 490

01:27:05 **Motion:** Rep. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 490 DO PASS.**

01:27:28 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 490 BE AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Reps. Cohenour and Vincent voting by proxy.

01:28:22 **Motion:** Rep. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 490 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:28:31 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:29:15 Rep. Ross

01:29:31 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Reps. Cohenour and Vincent voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 345

01:30:40 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 345 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:31:02 Rep. Lambert
01:31:30 Rep. McAlpin
01:31:45 Rep. Grinde
01:32:19 Rep. Ross

01:33:06 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 12-6 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, and McAlpin voting no with Reps. Cohenour and Vincent voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 289

01:34:25 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 289 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:34:44 Rep. Grinde

01:36:23 **Motion:** Rep. McAlpin moved that **HB 289 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tah29a02)

01:36:36 Jeff Martin
01:37:26 Rep. McAlpin
01:37:39 Rep. Ross
01:38:05 Jeff Martin

01:38:17 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with
Reps. Cohenour and Vincent voting by proxy.

01:38:36 **Motion:** Rep. Grinde moved that **HB 289 DO PASS AS**
AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:38:46 Rep. Grinde
01:39:05 Rep. Hamilton
01:39:33 Rep. Ross
01:40:17 Rep. Sonju
01:41:03 Rep. Erickson
01:42:26 Rep. Butcher

01:43:27 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 9-9 by roll call vote with Reps.
Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton,
Jopek, McAlpin, Pomnichowski, and Vincent voting aye
and Reps. Cohenour and Vincent voting by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:45 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah29aad.pdf](#))